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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67718

Kozo AOKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/019,249

Group Art Unit: 1625

Confirmation No.: 1284

Examiner: Patricia L. MORRIS

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For: BENZIMIDAZOLE COMPOUNDS AND MEDICAMENTS COMPRISING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

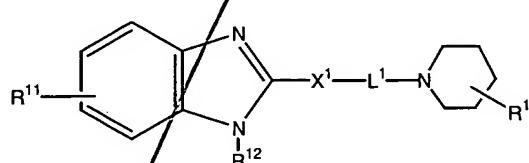
In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

7. (amended) A benzimidazole compound represented by the following formula (II)

B1
or a salt thereof:



wherein, R¹¹ represents one or more functional groups on the benzene ring selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, and a lower alkoxy group; R¹² represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or an acyl group; R¹³ represents one or